

<b>Report to</b>	<b>South West Wiltshire Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>29 February 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 8 applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding.

<b>Application</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Sound system for Village Hall. Applicant: Broad Chalke Village Hall Management Committee.	£2,213
Village marquee. Applicant: Tollard Royal Village Committee.	£1,000
Exhibiting facilities for village shows. Applicant: Chilmark Horticultural Society.	£959
Re-decoration of Village Hall. Applicant: Sedgehill Village Hall	£989.21
Archery event for users of the Stroke Club Applicant: Forum Stroke Club	£501.90
Village Hall refurbishment Applicant: Teffont Village Hall	£7,508.46
Refurbishment of kitchen ceiling Applicant: Semley Village Hall	£968
Improvements to kitchen and servery Applicant: East Knoyle Village Hall	£5,000

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (15 April 2011). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from Town and Parish Councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local Town/Parish precept. However, this does not preclude bids from Town/Parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the Town/Parish council.
- 1.5. In addition to Community Area Grants, Councillors can submit an Area Board Project which differs from Community Area Grants in that they do not require match funding. Area Board Projects should not be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria.
- 1.6. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.7. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.8. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau which is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.9. Two applications to this funding round were withdrawn. One application has withdrawn due to a change in circumstance with their project and intends to reapply in a future funding round. One application was withdrawn and a Diamond Jubilee / Olympic Torch Celebration application submitted in its place.
- 1.10. Paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce the volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.11. The 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12</li><li>• Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. South West Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of **£121,048** for Community Area Grants, Community Partnership Core Funding and Area Board Projects.
- 2.2. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is **£40,188**. This gives a **total budget of £161,236** for the 2011/2012 budget.
- 2.3. The amount of funding remaining for 2011/2012 is currently **£90,907**.
- 2.4. If all Community Area Grants were successfully awarded at this meeting, the remaining funds in the total budget would be **£71767**. This does not include any other funding awarded by the South West Wiltshire Area Board out of the budget during this meeting.
- 2.5. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.6. There will be 2 more rounds of funding during 2011/12, including this meeting. The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual dates see:  
[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/southwestwiltshireareaboard.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/southwestwiltshireareaboard.htm)

## 3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

## 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the budget allocated to the South West Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£19,139.57** have been received for this meeting.

## 5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

## 6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

## 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations.”

## 8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
wil/11/035	Teffont Village Hall	Village hall refurbishment	£7,508.46

- 8.1.1. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria; a third quote for the audio/video system is awaited at the time of writing this report.
- 8.1.2. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as a better equipped village hall potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.
- 8.1.3. This project is to fund the cost of the refurbishment of Teffont Village Hall. This includes creating a new disabled access, replacing a flat roof, replacing two windows and installing a new audio/video system. These works continue a process of refurbishment already begun by the village hall to raise the standard and potential of the venue.
- 8.1.4. The hall is already well used for a variety of means covering all age groups, including clubs and societies, jumble sales, exercise groups, committee meetings and parties. The hall already hosts a bi-monthly event for the local community to meet together, in the absence of a pub in the village. In order to maintain this use, and encourage new activities and events, refurbishment is required. The audio/video system will ensure greater use of the hall and build upon the success of events such as the ‘film night.’
- 8.1.5. A new hearing loop will ensure that members of the local community who are hard of hearing will be able to engage in local events.
- 8.1.6. If the Board does not fund this project then there would probably be a delay in the work being completed whilst alternative funding is sought. The applicant will not be eligible for assistance from Community First (Village Hall Grant Scheme) in this financial year.

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wil/11/028	Broad Chalke Village Hall Management Committee	New sound system to be installed with speakers, microphones and hearing loop included	£2,213
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8.1.7. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria.

8.1.8. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as a better equipped village hall potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.

8.1.9. This project is to fund the cost of a new sound system for Broad Chalke Village Hall. This includes new equipment in the form of speakers, microphones, and a hearing loop and mixer desk.

8.1.10. The hall is already well used by a variety of local groups covering all age groups, including dance lessons, concerts and toddler groups. In order to maintain this use, and encourage new activities and events, a permanent sound system is required. On occasion it has been necessary to hire an amplifier and speakers.

8.1.11. A new hearing loop will ensure that members of the local community who are hard of hearing will be able to engage in local events.

8.1.12. If the Board does not fund this project then there would probably be a delay in the work being completed whilst alternative funding is sought. The applicant has already sought assistance from Community First (Village Hall Grant Scheme) and the Charities Information Bureau, without success.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
tis/11/022	Tollard Royal Village Committee	Village Marquee	£1,000

8.1.13. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria.

8.1.14. This project is to buy a marquee for the village to use as it does not have a village hall so cannot hold larger community events.

8.1.15. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.16. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
tis/11/030	Chilmark Horticultural Society	New exhibiting facilities for village shows	£959

- 8.1.17. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria; in the absence of a constitution or terms of reference, the applicant has provided a statement of purpose for the organisation.
- 8.1.18. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), to promote more community involvement which leads to building a stronger, more resilient community.
- 8.1.19. This project is to fund a marquee and nine folding bench tables. The success of the annual event has led to a lack of exhibition facilities; these purchases would particularly assist with the lack of space for work produced by children. There is potential for any newly purchased marquee to be used for other local community events.
- 8.1.20. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.
- 8.1.21. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
tis/11/03 3	Sedgehill Village Hall	Redecoration of village hall	£989.21

- 8.1.22. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria; in the absence of a constitution or terms of reference, the applicant has provided a summary of use for the hall.
- 8.1.23. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as a better equipped village hall potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.
- 8.1.24. This project is to fund the cost of redecorating the village hall. This includes the cost of paint, scaffold hire, the hire of a sander and dust sheets and new tables/chairs.
- 8.1.25. The hall is already used for various meetings and events, including PC meetings, party events, band group practice and flower arranging. The village hall is also used on election days. In order to maintain this use, and encourage new activities and events, redecoration is required.
- 8.1.26. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.
- 8.1.27. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

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wil/11/034	Forum Stroke Club	Archery event for people with disabilities	£501.90
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- 8.1.28. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria; in the absence of a constitution or terms of reference, the applicant has provided an overview of the work done by the organisation. The Area Board is considering this application and will not be making any commitment to an annual event.
- 8.1.29. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10); this event will assist in fostering strong communities by assisting members of the club to feel valued and reach their potential.
- 8.1.30. This project is to fund an archery event for people who have suffered a stroke; it is intended that the event will encourage members to take part, try to achieve and also be a social mechanism for building confidence.
- 8.1.31. The applicant will be covering the part of their project costs associated with catering and prizes (£125) out of their own fundraising/reserves (£135).
- 8.1.32. The Area Board recognises the need to support projects for people with disabilities within the community.
- 8.1.33. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
tis/11/036	Semley Village Hall	Refurbishment of kitchen ceiling	£968

- 8.1.34. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria.
- 8.1.35. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as a better equipped village hall potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.
- 8.1.36. This project is to fund the cost of a refurbished kitchen ceiling; recent work has taken place to decorate the main hall and install new kitchen units. The present kitchen ceiling is affected by condensation and mould, potentially causing a health hazard.
- 8.1.37. The village hall is used by a variety of groups, including the local women's institute and keep fit classes. A clean, safe kitchen area is required to support these activities.
- 8.1.38. The applicant has already allocated reserves for future improvements to the toilets (including disabled facilities), car parking and the installation of a children's playground. A planning application is due to be made later this year.

8.1.39. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.40. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
tis/11/03 7	East Knoyle Village Hall	Improvements to kitchen and servery	£5,000

8.1.41. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria.

8.1.42. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as a better equipped village hall potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.

8.1.43. This project is to fund the cost of an improved kitchen and server. This will help to facilitate existing catering requirements and provide new opportunities for the use of the village hall. The Village Hall has particularly highlighted the opportunity to expand use by local businesses, which will be assisted by improved catering facilities.

8.1.44. The village hall is used for a variety of purposes including keep fit classes, wedding receptions, meetings, parties and events. Feedback from groups using the village hall has resulted in the plans for these works.

8.1.45. Planning permission for the improvements was granted on 13 August 2010.

8.1.46. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.47. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise. However, the applicant has secured £6,000 from the Village Halls Grant and this expires on 4 April 2012.

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